



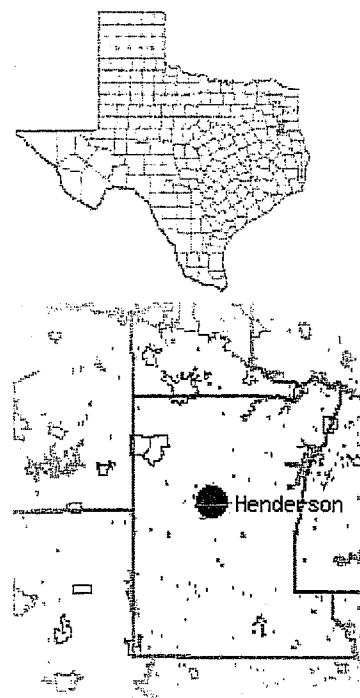
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Texas Economic Development

Rusk County

Rusk County is on the Sabine Uplift of the Coastal Plains between the Sabine and Angelina rivers in the Piney Woods of East Texas. It is 120 miles southeast of Dallas and seventy-five miles west-southwest of Shreveport, Louisiana. The county is bounded on the north by Gregg and Harrison counties, on the east by Shelby and Panola counties, on the south by Nacogdoches County, and on the west by Smith and Cherokee counties. Henderson is the county seat. Tourism has become an important industry here. Lake Cherokee, Martin Creek Lake State Recreation Area, and Lake Striker provide recreation for the area, while Harmony Hill Ghost Town, historic homes, and other sites attract many visitors. • Rusk County, FIPSCODE 48401, is the 59th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 47,372 in 2000. •

The county consists of 939 square miles with a 2000 population density of 51.3 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Rusk County averages 45.6 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •



FARMING

The average growing season in Rusk County is 250 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 16. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

Farming •	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,327	1,296
Acres of Farmland	271,230	267,448
Average Size of Farm (acres)	204	206

Distances from the county seat Henderson (Miles)

Austin	217
Amarillo	456
Brownsville	461
Dallas	123
El Paso	683
Houston	169

POPULATION

According to the Census, Rusk County's population changed 8 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 43,735 in 1990 and 47,372 in 2000, an increase of 3,637. In 2000, the median age was 38.1 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 613 births and 530 deaths in Rusk County in 2000. •

Cities

- Henderson, City of
- Mount Enterprise, City of
- New London, City of
- Overton, City of
- Tatum, City of

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown•	Rusk County	Texas
Under 18	24.9%	28.2%

Chambers

- Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Overton-New London Area Chamber of Commerce
- Rusk County Chamber of Commerce

18-24	8.3%	10.5%
25-44	27.8%	31.1%
45-64	23.3%	20.2%
65+	15.6%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Rusk County	Rusk County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	35,477	75%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	9,102	19%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	3,998	8%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	113	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	165	0%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 17,364 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.57 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 79.9 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 23.7 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 18,559 while the number that worked at home was 429. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (15,302), carpoled (2,301), public transportation (32), walked (274), and other means (221).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 11,399 people in Rusk County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 74.1 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 12.8 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool

603

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade

Top 10 Employers

FLUOR DANIEL SERVICES CORP
HENDERSON ISD
HENDERSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
KILGORE ISD
MTC/GSA - TEXAS
SADLERS BAR-B-QUE SALES INC
TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY
TEXAS UTILITIES MINING CO
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
ZACHERY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

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			2,743
Kindergarten	745	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,506
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	5,485	High school graduate	10,499
High school (grades 9-12)	2,851	Some college, no degree	7,089
College or graduate school	1,715	Associate degree	1,938
		Bachelor's degree	2,559
		Graduate or professional degree	1,509
Total	11,399		31,843

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Rusk County was 7,833 or 17.05 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 4,422 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 2,376 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$98,004,282 for Rusk County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$30,465,976 on public assistance and \$9,069,525 on highway construction and maintenance in Rusk County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$152,359,774. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -2 percent (from \$155,319,726). • The county had 12 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$505 million. This represents 0.21 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

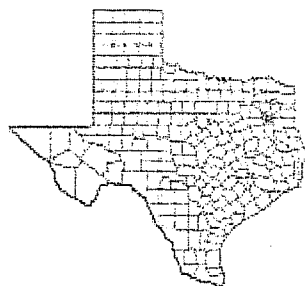
LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 22,117 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 21,951. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 1,021 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 851. The Rusk County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.6 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.9 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Rusk County had 13,497 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$516. •

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	1,163	9%
Construction	1,860	12%
Manufacturing	1,980	14%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,289	17%
Information	144	1%

Financial Activities	447	3%
Professional & Business Services	945	7%
Education & Health Services	1,281	9%
Leisure & Hospitality	788	6%
Other Services	379	3%
Nonclassifiable	3	0%
Federal Government	105	1%
State Government	163	1%
Local Government	1,950	15%



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Tyler

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County	Smith	Home Page URL	http://www.tylertexas.com
Population	166300		
Population Date	01/01/1997		
Community Characteristics	Strategic middle-market location on Interstate 20. Tyler is the manufacturing, health care, educational, and retail center of East Texas. Major industry sectors include air conditioner manufacturing, plastics, and distribution.		

Designated Community Economic Development Organization (DCED)

Name	Tom Mullins
Title	President/CEO
Organization	Tyler Economic Development Council
Address	P.O. Box 2004
City/State/Zip	Tyler, TX 75710
Telephone:	800-648-9537
Fax:	903-597-0699
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Transportation Infrastructure

Proximity to Interstate Highway	10 mile(s)
Proximity to Major Highways	1 mile(s)
Proximity to Commercial Airport	5 mile(s)
Proximity to Private Airport	0 mile(s)
Proximity to Port	100 mile(s)
Proximity to Mexico Border	450 mile(s)

Freight Carriers

Number of Motor Freight Carriers	20
Number of Parcel Service Providers	15
Number of Rail Service Providers	2
Number of Piggyback Service and Switching Providers	2

Utilities

Electric Provider	TU Electric
	Lake Tyler, 10

Workforce

Radius of Labor Drawing Area	40 miles
Estimated Community	

Water Source	water wells	Unemployment Rate	6.4 %
Water Maximum Gallons Per Day	42000000		
Water Peak Load Maximum Gallons Per Day	34000000	Financial	
Sewer Type	Activated sludge	Current Moody Bond Rating	AAA
Sewer Maximum Gallons Per Day	22000000	Current Standard & Poors Bond Rating	AAA
Solid Waste Disposal	landfill		
Natural Gas Providers	Entex		
Telephone Providers	Southwestern Bell Telephone		

Education

Annual High School Graduates	750
Total Enrollment in School District - K through 12	16362
Students per Teacher Ratio: Elementary	15 students per teacher
Students per Teacher Ratio: Secondary	0.00 students per teacher
Colleges & Universities within 30 miles	4
ACT 1998	SAT 1998
ACT 1999	SAT 1999
ACT 2000	SAT 2000
ACT 2001	SAT 2001

Taxes & Local Incentives

City Tax Rate	\$0.43717 per \$100
Independent School District Tax Rate	\$1.31609 per \$100
County Tax Rate	\$0.23631 per \$100
Special District Rate	\$0.1223 per \$100 Tyler Jr College
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Tax Abatement Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Economic Development Sales Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Enterprise Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Foreign Trade Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Other Economic Stimulants	Smith County Revolving Loan Fund Industrial Parks

Support Services Available

R&D Facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Sterilization Laboratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Customized Worker Training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Manufacturing Assistance (ISO 9000, Technology Applications)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Alternative Fuels Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Business Incubator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"

Recycling Center

☒ Checked box indicates "yes"

Real Estate

Average Rental Rate for 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Apartment	\$550
Occupancy Rate for Multi- Family Housing Units	91
Single Family Residential - Average Appraised Value	\$75000

New Residential Construction Permits

New Commercial Construction Permits

1997

1998

1999

2000

2001

Hotels & Motels

Total Number of Rooms Available in Community	2260
Total Number of Facilities Available in Community with Meeting Space	10

Climatic Information

Average Number of Days of Sunshine	0
Average High / Low Temperature for July	94°F / 0°F
Average High / Low Temperature for January	54°F / 0°F



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Smith County

Smith County is located in northeastern Texas fifty-eight miles from the eastern state boundary. It is bordered by the Neches River and Henderson and Van Zandt counties on the west, Cherokee County on the south, Rusk and Upshur counties on the east, and the Sabine River and Upshur and Wood counties on the north. Tyler is the largest town and county seat. County tourist attractions include the Tyler State Park, the campsites and marinas on the various lakes, Tyler Municipal Rose Garden, Caldwell Children's Zoo, the Goodman Museum at Lindale, the Tyler Museum of Art, the Hudnall Planetarium, the Spring Flower and Azalea Trail, and the Texas Rose Festival. • Smith County, FIPSCODE 48423, is the 22nd largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 174,706 in 2000. •

The county consists of 949 square miles with a 2000 population density of 188.2 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Smith County averages 43.1 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •

FARMING

The average growing season in Smith County is 259 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 21. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

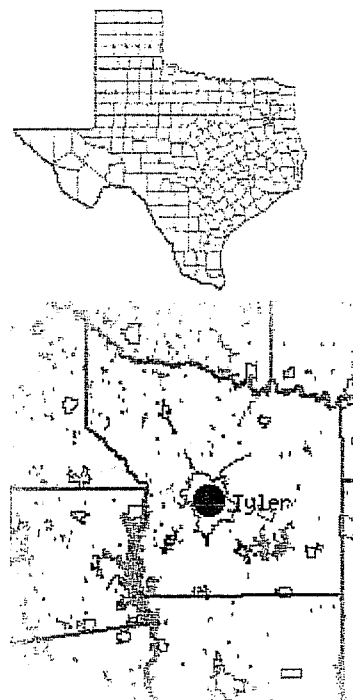
Farming •	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,701	1,844
Acres of Farmland	249,326	250,855
Average Size of Farm (acres)	147	136

POPULATION

According to the Census, Smith County's population changed 15 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 151,309 in 1990 and 174,706 in 2000, an increase of 23,397. In 2000, the median age was 35.5 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 2,654 births and 1,700 deaths in Smith County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown •	Smith County	Texas
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Distances from the county seat Tyler (Miles)

Austin	201
Amarillo	424
Brownsville	462
Dallas	91
El Paso	653
Houston	177

Cities

- Arp, City of
- Bullard, City of
- Lindale, City of
- New Chapel Hill, City of
- Noonday, City of
- Troup, City of
- Tyler, City of
- Whitehouse, City of
- Winona, City of

Chambers

- Arp Area Chamber of Commerce

Under 18	26.6%	28.2%
18-24	9.8%	10.5%
25-44	27.4%	31.1%
45-64	22.1%	20.2%
65+	14.1%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Smith County	Smith County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	126,853	73%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	33,298	19%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	19,521	11%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	1,218	1%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	746	0%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	47	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 65,692 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.59 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 69.7 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 22.2 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 76,267 while the number that worked at home was 1,972. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (62,399), carpooled (9,796), public transportation (246), walked (829), and other means (1,025).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 46,077 people in Smith County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 80.2 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 22.5 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*
Population 3 years and over

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
Population 25 years and over

-Lindale Chamber of Commerce
-Troup Chamber of Commerce
-Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce
-Tyler Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
-Whitehouse Chamber of Commerce

Top 20 Employers

AMERICAN STANDARD INC
BROOKSHIRE GROCERY CO
CARRIER CORPORATION
CHAPEL HILL ISD
EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
GIRLING HEATH CARE INC
JORDAN HEALTH SERVICES INC
LINDALE ISD
MOTHER FRANCES HOSPITAL
POSTAL DATA CENTER
RANSOM HOLDINGS INC
SOUTHSIDE BANK
TARGET
THE KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE CO
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH
CENTER AT TYLER
TYLER ISD
TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WHITEHOUSE ISD

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enrolled in school			
Nursery school, preschool	2,913	Less than 9th grade	8,351
Kindergarten	2,609	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	13,621
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	21,058	High school graduate	27,578
High school (grades 9-12)	10,485	Some college, no degree	28,218
College or graduate school	9,012	Associate degree	8,219
		Bachelor's degree	17,008
		Graduate or professional degree	8,025
Total	46,077		111,020

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Smith County was 24,995 or 14.85 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 16,421 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 9,824 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$370,892,446 for Smith County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$129,390,294 on public assistance and \$22,790,749 on highway construction and maintenance in Smith County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$1,140,610,870. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 3 percent (from \$1,106,198,024). • The county had 53 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$2,377 million. This represents 0.98 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 93,261 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 90,774. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 3,741 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 3,020. The Smith County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.0 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.3 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Smith County had 82,780 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$582. •

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	2,357	3%
Construction	3,385	4%
Manufacturing	10,866	13%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	18,465	23%

Information	1,792	2%
Financial Activities	4,513	5%
Professional & Business Services	5,720	7%
Education & Health Services	14,009	17%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,843	9%
Other Services	2,798	3%
Nonclassifiable	7	0%
Federal Government	1,015	1%
State Government	3,126	4%
Local Government	7,884	9%



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Upshur County

Upshur County is in northeastern Texas. Gilmer, the seat of government, is near the center of the county, twenty-three miles northwest of Longview. The International Possum Museum opened in Rhonesboro in the 1980s, and each year on the fourth Saturday in October the museum is "re-opened," and a Possum Queen is crowned with a crown of persimmons. Following the tradition begun in 1935, the East Texas Yamboree is held in Gilmer every October. Activities blend original events like the Queen's Parade and the Old Fiddlers' contest with more contemporary contests such as the Tater Trot with its ten and two kilometer races, the cross country bicycle races called Tour D'Yam, and the selection of the Grand Champion Hog and Steer. Upshur County, FIPSCODE 48459, is the 78th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 35,291 in 2000. *

The county consists of 593 square miles with a 2000 population density of 60.1 residents per square mile. The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Upshur County averages 45.2 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

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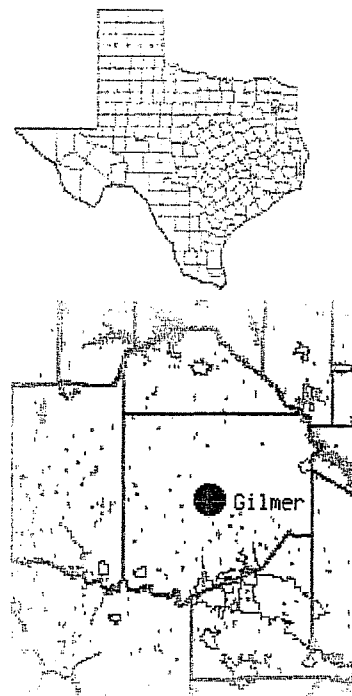
Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,038	1,110
Acres of Farmland	170,695	175,297
Average Size of Farm (acres)	164	158

POPULATION

According to the Census, Upshur County's population changed 12 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 31,370 in 1990 and 35,291 in 2000, an increase of 3,921. In 2000, the median age was 37.7 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 436 births and 467 deaths in Upshur County in 2000. *

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown* Upshur Texas



Distances from the county seat Gilmer (Miles)

Austin	236
Amarillo	430
Brownsville	495
Dallas	106
El Paso	674
Houston	206

Cities

- Big Sandy, City of
- Ore City, City of

Chambers

- Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce

Top 10 Employers

	County	
Under 18	27.0%	28.2%
18-24	8.0%	10.5%
25-44	26.6%	31.1%
45-64	24.1%	20.2%
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BIG SANDY ISD
 DRG TEXAS
 GILMER ISD
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Group *	Upshur County	Upshur County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	30,246	86%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	3,582	10%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	1,394	4%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	65	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	224	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	20	0%	14,434	0.1%

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County Website
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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 13,290 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.62 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 81.8 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 27.8 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 14,359 while the number that worked at home was 471. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (11,366), carpooled (2,217), public transportation (8), walked (183), and other means (114).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 8,817 people in Upshur County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 76.3 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 11.1 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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Population 3 years and over enrolled in school		Population 25 years and over	
Nursery school, preschool	504	Less than 9th grade	1,463
Kindergarten	454	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,974
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	4,445	High school graduate	8,342
High school (grades 9-12)	2,368	Some college, no degree	5,503
College or graduate school	1,046	Associate degree	1,153
		Bachelor's degree	1,712
		Graduate or professional degree	830
Total	8,817		22,977

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Upshur County was 5,589 or 16.75 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 3,777 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 2,071 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$73,723,601 for Upshur County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$20,478,795 on public assistance and \$16,021,973 on highway construction and maintenance in Upshur County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$78,215,763. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -6 percent (from \$83,415,341). * The county had 10 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$372 million. This represents 0.15 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 16,892 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 16,721. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 867 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 700. The Upshur County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 5.1 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 4.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Upshur County had 6,139 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$416. *

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	152	2%
Construction	312	6%
Manufacturing	505	9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,202	21%

Information	356	6%
Financial Activities	346	4%
Professional & Business Services	255	4%
Education & Health Services	622	9%
Leisure & Hospitality	588	11%
Other Services	125	2%
Nonclassifiable	1	0%
Federal Government	67	1%
State Government	92	1%
Local Government	1,516	25%

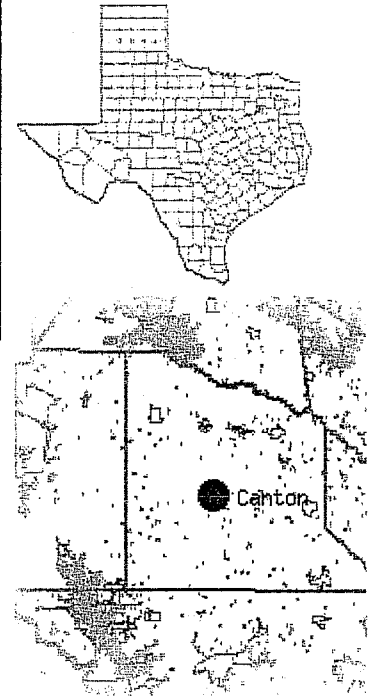


Texas Economic Development

Van Zandt County

Van Zandt County is on Interstate Highway 20 fifty miles east of Dallas in the Claypan Area of northeastern Texas. The center of the county is near the county seat of Canton. The area provides numerous opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, and picnicking. Local attractions include the famous First Monday Trade Days, a gigantic flea market at Canton, Lake Tawakoni, Salt Festival and Rodeo held in Grand Saline, and the County Fair and Rodeo and Bluegrass Festival held in Canton. * Van Zandt County, FIPSCODE 48467, is the 57th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 48,140 in 2000. *

The county consists of 859 square miles with a 2000 population density of 56.7 residents per square mile. * The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Van Zandt County averages 43.0 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *



FARMING

The average growing season in Van Zandt County is 250 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 21. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison. *

Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	2,395	2,423
Acres of Farmland	380,811	360,888
Average Size of Farm (acres)	159	149

Distances from the county seat Canton (Miles)

Austin	191
Amarillo	388
Brownsville	468
Dallas	55
El Paso	621
Houston	194

POPULATION

According to the Census, Van Zandt County's population changed 27 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 37,944 in 1990 and 48,140 in 2000, an increase of 10,196. In 2000, the median age was 39.5 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 614 births and 576 deaths in Van Zandt County in 2000. *

Cities

- Canton, City of
- Fruitvale, City of
- Grand Saline, City of
- Van, City of
- Wills Point, City of

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown*	Van Zandt County	Texas
Under 18	25.5%	28.2%

Chambers

- Canton Chamber of Commerce
- Clifton Chamber of Commerce
- Edgewood Chamber of Commerce (dissolved)
- Grand Saline Chamber of Commerce

18-24	7.3%	10.5%
25-44	25.2%	31.1%
45-64	24.9%	20.2%
65+	17.0%	9.9%

-Van Area Chamber of Commerce
-Wills Point Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Van Zandt County	Van Zandt County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	44,268	92%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	1,416	3%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	3,201	7%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	88	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	298	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	14	0%	14,434	0.1%

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Top 10 Employers

BROOKSHIRE GROCERY CO
CANTON ISD
COMPLETE CARE SERVICES
EDGEWOOD ISD OF VAN ZANDT COU
GANDY NURSERY INC
GRAND SALINE ISD
MORTON INTERNATIONAL INC
VAN ISD
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WILLS POINT ISD

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 18,195 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.59 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 80.8 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 37.3 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 19,594 while the number that worked at home was 835. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (14,946), carpooled (3,162), public transportation (61), walked (423), and other means (167).*

Taxes

County Property Tax Data
http://www.county.org/resources/countydata/products/TaxData00_99/index.html

Tax Rate Map
<http://www.county.org/resources/countydata/Bin/taxrates00.html>

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 11,226 people in Van Zandt County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 72.0 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 11.6 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*
Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
Population 25 years and over

Nursery school, preschool	732	Less than 9th grade	2,882
Kindergarten	569	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6,186
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	5,825	High school graduate	11,154
High school (grades 9-12)	2,895	Some college, no degree	6,949
College or graduate school	1,205	Associate degree	1,501
		Bachelor's degree	2,453
		Graduate or professional degree	1,302
Total	11,226		32,427

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Van Zandt County was 6,946 or 16.21 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 4,063 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 1,953 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$89,230,350 for Van Zandt County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$29,882,031 on public assistance and \$16,233,475 on highway construction and maintenance in Van Zandt County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$100,693,852. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -8 percent (from \$108,921,583). • The county had 14 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$346 million. This represents 0.14 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 21,524 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 20,868. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 1,015 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 624. The Van Zandt County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.7 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.0 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Van Zandt County had 8,982 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$413. •

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	1,016	13%
Construction	701	8%
Manufacturing	312	3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,929	22%
Information	74	1%

Financial Activities	276	3%
Professional & Business Services	218	3%
Education & Health Services	1,202	13%
Leisure & Hospitality	819	9%
Other Services	216	3%
Nonclassifiable	5	0%
Federal Government	99	1%
State Government	68	1%
Local Government	2,047	21%



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Texas Economic Development

Wood County

Wood County is in northeastern Texas between Interstate Highways 20 and 30. Quitman, the county seat, is eighty miles east of Dallas and thirty miles north of Tyler. The annual Dogwood Festival and Old Settlers Reunion in Quitman, along with several recreational lakes, attract visitors and new residents. • Wood County, FIPSCODE 48499, is the 74th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 36,752 in 2000. •

The county consists of 696 square miles with a 2000 population density of 56.5 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Wood County averages 45.0 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •

FARMING

The average growing season in Wood County is 246 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 18. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

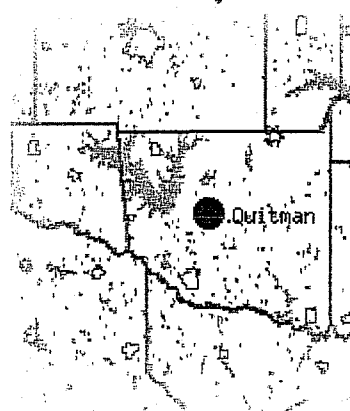
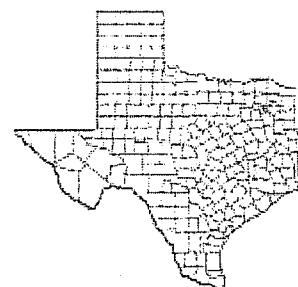
Farming •	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,303	1,331
Acres of Farmland	206,782	214,656
Average Size of Farm (acres)	159	161

POPULATION

According to the Census, Wood County's population changed 25 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 29,380 in 1990 and 36,752 in 2000, an increase of 7,372. In 2000, the median age was 43.0 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 409 births and 492 deaths in Wood County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown•	Wood County	Texas
Under 18	21.8%	28.2%
18-24	7.9%	10.5%
25-44	22.9%	31.1%
45-64	26.4%	20.2%
65+	20.9%	9.9%



Distances from the county seat Quitman (Miles)

Austin	219
Amarillo	402
Brownsville	491
Dallas	77
El Paso	646
Houston	209

Cities

- Hawkins, City of
- Mineola, City of
- Quitman, City of
- Yantis, City of

Chambers

- Greater Hawkins Chamber of Commerce
- Mineola Chamber of Commerce
- Quitman Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Wood County	Wood County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	32,749	89%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	2,250	6%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	2,102	6%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	73	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	203	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	8	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 14,583 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.42 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 81.4 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 28.4 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 14,172 while the number that worked at home was 710. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (10,930), carpooled (2,061), public transportation (30), walked (349), and other means (92).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 7,855 people in Wood County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 76.3 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 14.5 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	523
Kindergarten	547
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	3,597
High school (grades 9-12)	2,013
College or graduate school	1,175

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	1,965
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,175
High school graduate	8,503
Some college, no degree	6,297
Associate degree	1,194
Bachelor's degree	2,379
Graduate or professional degree	1,382

Top 10 Employers

BROOKSHIRE GROCERY CO
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
JORDAN & GILLIS INC
JORDAN HEALTH SERVICES INC
MINEOLA ISD
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF WINNS
QUITMAN ISD
TEXAS DEPT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WINNSBORO ISD

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Total

7,855

25,895

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Wood County was 5,736 or 17.38 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 3,624 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 1,858 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$55,396,842 for Wood County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$23,984,103 on public assistance and \$1,599,838 on highway construction and maintenance in Wood County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$121,633,073. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 9 percent (from \$111,906,865). * The county had 22 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$463 million. This represents 0.19 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 14,308 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 13,915. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 736 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 628. The Wood County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 5.1 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 4.5 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Wood County had 8,319 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$426. *

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	252	3%
Construction	463	6%
Manufacturing	784	9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,710	20%
Information	149	2%
Financial Activities	384	5%
Professional & Business Services	331	4%
Education & Health Services	1,425	17%
Leisure & Hospitality	758	10%
Other Services	232	3%

Nonclassifiable	0	0%
Federal Government	92	1%
State Government	331	4%
Local Government	1,408	17%

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Texas Economic Development

Collin County

Collin County, is located in northeastern Texas thirty miles south of the Red River. McKinney, the county seat, is thirty-four miles northeast of Dallas. • Collin County, FIPSCODE 48085, is the 8th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 491,675 in 2000. •

The county consists of 886 square miles with a 2000 population density of 580.1 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Collin County averages 40.0 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •

FARMING

The average growing season in Collin County is 230 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 11. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

Farming •	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,501	1,407
Acres of Farmland	305,235	270,434
Average Size of Farm (acres)	203	192

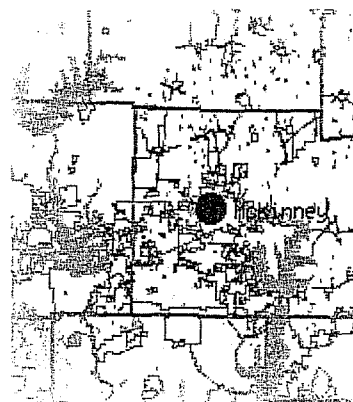
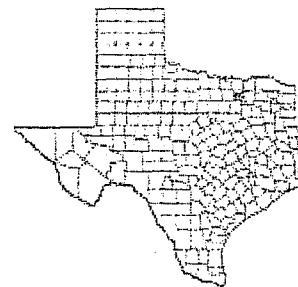
POPULATION

According to the Census, Collin County's population changed 86 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 264,036 in 1990 and 491,675 in 2000, an increase of 227,639. In 2000, the median age was 32.9 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 8,675 births and 1,812 deaths in Collin County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown•	Collin County	Texas
Under 18	28.7%	28.2%
18-24	7.4%	10.5%
25-44	37.9%	31.1%
45-64	20.7%	20.2%
65+	5.3%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as



Distances from the county seat McKinney (Miles)

Austin	210
Amarillo	326
Brownsville	506
Dallas	29
El Paso	578
Houston	249

Cities

- Allen, City of
- Anna, City of
- Blue Ridge, City of
- Celina, City of
- Farmersville, City of
- Josephine, City of
- Lavon, City of
- Lowry Crossing, City of
- Lucas, City of
- McKinney, City of
- Melissa, City of
- Murphy, City of
- Nevada, City of
- New Hope, Town of
- Parker, City of
- Plano, City of
- Princeton, City of

follows:

Group *	Collin County	Collin County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	400,181	81%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	23,561	5%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	50,510	10%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	34,047	7%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,323	0%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	230	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 181,970 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.68 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 68.6 percent. "

The mean travel time to work was 28.4 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 263,601 while the number that worked at home was 11,477. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (220,103), carpooled (25,152), public transportation (2,189), walked (2,716), and other means (1,964)."

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 136,630 people in Collin County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 91.8 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 47.3 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. "

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	13,682
Kindergarten	8,476
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	62,528
High school (grades 9-12)	25,993
College or graduate school	25,951
Total	136,630

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	10,201
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	15,641
High school graduate	47,525
Some college, no degree	72,983
Associate degree	19,898
Bachelor's degree	103,394
Graduate or professional degree	46,023
Total	315,665

- Prosper, City of
- Royse City, City of
- Sachse, City of
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- Weston, City of
- Wylie, City of

Chambers

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- Farmersville Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Celina Chamber of Commerce
- McKinney Chamber of Commerce
- Plano Chamber of Commerce
- Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Prosper Chamber of Commerce
- Royse City Chamber of Commerce

Top 20 Employers

- ALCATEL NETWORK SYSTEMS INC
- ALLEN ISD
- BLOCKBUSTER INC
- CHILIS BAR & GRILL
- COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- DISTRICT
- COUNTRYWIDE CREDIT INDUSTRIES
- EDS CORPORATION
- FRISCO ISD
- GALEN HOSPITAL
- J C PENNEY LIFE INSURANCE
- MCKINNEY ISD
- PEPSICO INC
- PLANO ISD
- PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
- RAYTHEON TI SYSTEMS
- STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INS CO
- TARGET
- THE HOME DEPOT
- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
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FISCAL INFORMATION

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The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$379,848,109 for Collin County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$84,404,568 on public assistance and \$112,621,566 on highway construction and maintenance in Collin County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$3,460,345,010. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 0 percent (from \$3,455,167,800). * The county had 113 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$3,690 million. This represents 1.52 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 300,181 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 289,590. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 19,092 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 7,122. The Collin County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 6.4 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 2.5 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Collin County had 177,909 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$836. *

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	1,064	0%
Construction	9,719	6%
Manufacturing	21,719	12%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	36,780	21%
Information	13,893	8%
Financial Activities	16,729	10%
Professional & Business Services	18,420	11%
Education & Health Services	13,381	8%
Leisure & Hospitality	17,638	10%
Other Services	4,265	3%
Nonclassifiable	166	0%
Federal Government	918	1%

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State Government	2,924	2%
Local Government	20,293	11%

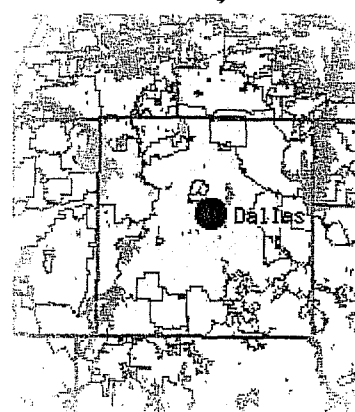
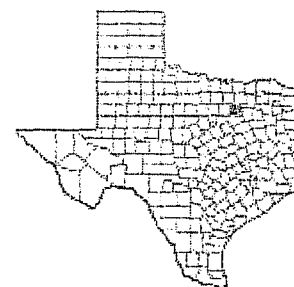


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Texas Economic Development

Dallas County

Dallas County, in north central Texas, is bordered by Kaufman and Rockwall counties to the east, Tarrant County to the west, Denton and Collin counties to the north, and Ellis County to the south. Dallas is the county seat and largest city. A number of lakes provided recreation or supplied water within the county, including Bachman, Ray Hubbard, Mountain Creek, Texaco, Vilbig, and White Rock. The county had more than 28,000 acres in parks and 572 municipal parks. A number of museums are located in Dallas County, including the Dallas Museum of Art, the Science Place, and the Mexican American Cultural Heritage Center. The county has a plethora of special events, including the State Fair of Texas, the Dallas Grand Prix, the Cotton Bowl Classic football game, and the Byron Nelson Golf Classic. Interstate Highways 20, 30, 35E, and 635 and U.S. Highways 67, 75, 80, and 175 crossed the county, in addition to other prominent roads. * Dallas County, FIPSCODE 48113, is the 2nd largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 2,218,899 in 2000. *



The county consists of 909 square miles with a 2000 population density of 2,522.6 residents per square mile. The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Dallas County averages 36.1 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Dallas County is 235 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 13. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	927	768
Acres of Farmland	147,155	148,862
Average Size of Farm (acres)	159	194

POPULATION

According to the Census, Dallas County's population changed 20 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 1,852,810 in 1990 and 2,218,899 in 2000, an increase of 366,089. In 2000, the median age was 31.1 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 42,444 births and 13,966 deaths in Dallas County in 2000. *

Distances from the county seat Dallas (Miles)

Austin	182
Amarillo	334
Brownsville	477
Dallas	0
El Paso	569
Houston	225

Cities

- Addison, Town of
- Balch Springs, City of
- Carrollton, City of
- Cedar Hill, City of
- Centerville, City of
- Cockrell Hill, City of
- Combine, City of
- Coppell, City of
- Dallas, City of
- DeSoto, City of
- Duncanville, City of
- Farmers Branch, City of
- Flower Mound, Town of
- Garland, City of
- Glenn Heights, City of
- Grand Prairie, City of
- Hebron, City of

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown ^a	Dallas County	Texas
Under 18	27.9%	28.2%
18-24	10.7%	10.5%
25-44	34.4%	31.1%
45-64	18.9%	20.2%
65+	8.1%	9.9%

- Highland Park, City of
- Hutchins, City of
- Irving, City of
- Lancaster, City of
- Ovilla, City of
- Pleasant Valley, City of
- Richardson, City of
- Richland, City of
- Rowlett, City of
- Seagoville, City of
- Shamrock, City of
- Sunnyvale, City of
- Wilmer, City of

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:^a

Group *	Dallas County	Dallas County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	1,294,769	58%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	450,557	20%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	662,729	30%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	88,369	4%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	12,499	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,277	0%	14,434	0.1%

^aNumbers may add up to more than the total population and more than 100 percent

because individuals may report more than one race."

HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 807,621 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.71 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 52.6 percent.

The mean travel time to work was 26.9 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 1,038,779 while the number that worked at home was 28,378. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (777,372), carpooled (167,270), public transportation (36,925), walked (17,390), and other means (11,444).

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 591,553 people in Dallas County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 75.0 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 27.0 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent,

Chambers

- American Indian Chamber of Commerce Texas
- Balch Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Coppell Chamber of Commerce
- Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce
- Dallas Korean American Chamber of Commerce
- DeSoto Chamber of Commerce
- Duncanville Chamber of Commerce
- East Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce
- Garland Chamber of Commerce
- Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce
- Grand Prairie Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
- Hutchins Chamber of Commerce
- Lancaster Chamber of Commerce
- Mesquite Chamber of Commerce
- Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce
- North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce
- Richardson Chamber of Commerce
- Rowlett Chamber of Commerce
- Seagoville Chamber of Commerce
- Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- US Chamber of Commerce

Top 20 Employers

- ALBERTSONS INC
- BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CEN
- DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLI
- DIST
- DALLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST
- DALLAS ISD
- GARLAND ISD
- I B M CORPORATION
- IRVING ISD
- MESQUITE ISD
- NORTHERN TELECOM INC
- POSTAL DATA CENTER
- RICHARDSON ISD
- SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO
- SOUTHWESTERN BELL
- SPRINT-UNITED MANAGEMENT CO
- TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATE
- THE UNIV OF TX SOUTHWESTERN MI
- CTR AT DALLAS
- TOM THUMB

respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	41,239
Kindergarten	36,947
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	280,153
High school (grades 9-12)	124,272
College or graduate school	108,942

Total 591,553

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	163,076
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	179,020
High school graduate	295,823
Some college, no degree	291,063
Associate degree	68,717
Bachelor's degree	245,829
Graduate or professional degree	122,320

1,365,848

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Employers are listed alphabetically with no
ranking intended. *

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Tax Rate Map
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FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Dallas County was 245,497 or 11.30 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 167,471 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 107,956 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$3,714,657,307 for Dallas County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$1,273,717,890 on public assistance and \$298,550,281 on highway construction and maintenance in Dallas County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$33,400,551,719. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -4 percent (from \$34,845,399,429). * The county had 491 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$37,027 million. This represents 15.21 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

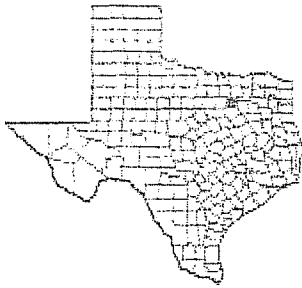
LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 1,281,114 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 1,246,869. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 88,249 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 48,151. The Dallas County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 6.9 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.9 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. *

In the first quarter of 2001, Dallas County had 1,562,638 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$894. *

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	8,081	1%

Construction	86,731	6%
Manufacturing	181,694	11%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	351,051	22%
Information	84,394	5%
Financial Activities	140,915	9%
Professional & Business Services	268,372	17%
Education & Health Services	118,467	8%
Leisure & Hospitality	128,685	9%
Other Services	45,121	3%
Nonclassifiable	931	0%
Federal Government	28,086	2%
State Government	12,925	1%
Local Government	107,185	7%



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County	Dallas	Home Page URL http://www.ci.dallas.tx.us
Population	1047350	Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce
Population Date	01/01/1997	North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
Community Characteristics	<p>The City of Dallas is positioned in an excellent location for investment. Dallas transportation infrastructure (i.e. Interstate Highways, Airports, Rail Routes...) and quality education center provides businesses/industries with a unique blend of assets. The educational center generates a highly skilled labor pool from which to draw; and the vast array of transportation routes increases the efficiency of almost any business.</p>	

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Designated Community Contact

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Transportation Infrastructure

Proximity to Interstate Highway	0 mile(s)
Proximity to Major Highways	0 mile(s)
Proximity to Commercial Airport	17 mile(s)

Freight Carriers

Number of Motor Freight Carriers	927
Number of Parcel Service Providers	3
Number of Rail Service Providers	6

Proximity to Private Airport	3 mile(s)	Number of Piggyback
Proximity to Port	240 mile(s)	Service and Switching 2
Proximity to Mexico Border	400 mile(s)	Providers

Utilities

Electric Provider	TU Electric
Water Source	City of Dallas
Water Maximum Gallons Per Day	580000000
Water Peak Load Maximum Gallons Per Day	815000000
Sewer Type	Activated Sludge/Tertiary Treatment
Sewer Maximum Gallons Per Day	240000000
Solid Waste Disposal	Landfill, Compost center, and Transfer sites
Natural Gas Providers	Lone Star Gas
Telephone Providers	Southwestern Bell, GTE Telephone

Workforce

Radius of Labor Drawing Area	44 miles
Estimated Community Unemployment Rate	3.3 %

Financial

Current Moody Bond Rating	Aa1
Current Standard & Poors Bond Rating	AAA

Education

Annual High School Graduates	4910
Total Enrollment in School District - K through 12	148839
Students per Teacher Ratio: Elementary	17.4 students per teacher
Students per Teacher Ratio: Secondary	15.40 students per teacher
Colleges & Universities within 30 miles	24
ACT 1998	SAT 1998
ACT 1999	SAT 1999
ACT 2000	SAT 2000
ACT 2001	SAT 2001

Taxes & Local Incentives

City Tax Rate	\$0.6491 per \$100
Independent School District Tax Rate	\$1.4605 per \$100
County Tax Rate	\$0.433074 per \$100
Special District Rate	\$0.05 per \$100 County Community College District
Special District Rate	\$0.0063 per \$100 County School Equalization
Special District Rate	\$0.18577 per \$100 County Hospital
Special District Rate	\$0 per \$100
Special District Rate	\$0 per \$100
Tax Abatement Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Economic Development Sales Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"
Enterprise Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked box indicates "yes"

Foreign Trade Zone

☒ Checked box indicates "yes"

Other Economic Stimulants

Commercial Zones, Development Fee Rebates, Freeport Tax Exemption, One-Stop Permitting Center

Support Services Available

R&D Facility

☒ Checked box indicates "yes"

Sterilization Laboratory

☐ Checked box indicates "yes"

Customized Worker Training

☒ Checked box indicates "yes"Manufacturing Assistance
(ISO 9000, Technology Applications)☒ Checked box indicates "yes"

Alternative Fuels Service

☒ Checked box indicates "yes"

Business Incubator

☒ Checked box indicates "yes"

Recycling Center

☒ Checked box indicates "yes"

Real Estate

Average Rental Rate for 2

\$604

Bedroom 2 Bathroom Apartment

Occupancy Rate for Multi-
Family Housing Units

94

Single Family Residential -
Average Appraised Value

\$139800

New Residential Construction Permits
1997

New Commercial Construction Permits

1998

1999

2000

2001

Hotels & Motels

Total Number of Rooms Available in Community

47000

Total Number of Facilities Available in Community with Meeting Space

77

Climatic Information

Average Number of Days of Sunshine

137

Average High / Low Temperature for July

86°F / 0°F

Average High / Low Temperature for January

44°F / 0°F



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Texas Economic Development

Denton County

Denton County borders Dallas and Tarrant counties to the south and Cooke and Grayson counties to the north. Denton is the county seat. The Elm Fork of the Trinity River flows through the east central part of the county. It was dammed in the 1920s to form Lake Dallas, which has since been joined with Garza-Little Elm Reservoir to form Lewisville Lake, a moderately large reservoir. Attractions include the Lewisville and Grapevine lakes, the Denton Jazzfest held in April, and the North Texas State Fair in August. * Denton County, FIPSCODE 48121, is the 9th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 432,976 in 2000. *

The county consists of 958 square miles with a 2000 population density of 487.3 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Denton County averages 37.3 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Denton County is 233 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 8. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

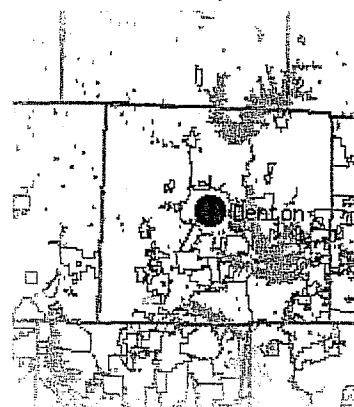
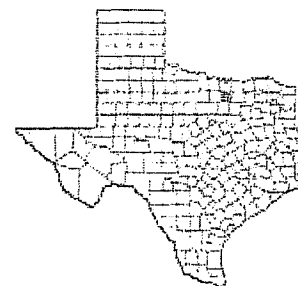
Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,469	1,782
Acres of Farmland	390,568	362,712
Average Size of Farm (acres)	266	204

POPULATION

According to the Census, Denton County's population changed 58 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 273,525 in 1990 and 432,976 in 2000, an increase of 159,451. In 2000, the median age was 31.0 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 7,434 births and 1,751 deaths in Denton County in 2000.*

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown*	Denton County	Texas
Under 18	27.7%	28.2%
18-24	11.3%	10.5%



Distances from the county seat Denton (Miles)

Austin	204
Amarillo	301
Brownsville	505
Dallas	36
El Paso	551
Houston	260

Cities

- Argyle, City of
- Aubrey, City of
- Bartonville, City of
- Copper Canyon, City of
- Corinth, City of
- Corral City, City of
- Denton, City of
- Double Oak, Town of
- Frisco, City of
- Hackberry, City of
- Hickory Creek, City of
- Highland Village, City of
- Justin, City of
- Krugerville, City of
- Krum, City of
- Lake Dallas, City of
- Lakewood Village, City of

25-44	37.0%	31.1%
45-64	19.0%	20.2%
65+	5.0%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Denton County	Denton County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	353,855	82%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	25,369	6%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	52,619	12%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	17,444	4%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,533	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	221	0%	14,434	0.1%

"Numbers may add up to more than the total population and more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race."

HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 158,903 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.67 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 64.4 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 28.2 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 235,672 while the number that worked at home was 8,800. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (193,217), carpooled (25,703), public transportation (1,567), walked (3,792), and other means (2,593).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 130,034 people in Denton County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 89.4 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 36.6 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	9,640
Kindergarten	7,039

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	10,768
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- Lewisville, City of
- Lincoln Park, City of
- Little Elm, City of
- Marshall Creek, City of
- Northlake, City of
- Oak Point, City of
- Pilot Point, City of
- Ponder, City of
- Roanoke, City of
- Sanger, City of
- Shady Shores, City of
- The Colony, City of
- Trophy Club, Town of

Chambers

- Denton Black Chamber of Commerce
- Denton Chamber of Commerce
- Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce
- Frisco Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce
- Lewisville Chamber of Commerce
- Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce
- Sanger Chamber of Commerce
- The Colony Chamber of Commerce

Top 20 Employers

ALBERTSONS INC
BOEING DEFENSE & SPACE GROUP
BROADWING INC
DENTON ISD
DENTON STATE SCHOOL
FEMA
FLEMING COMPANIES INC
GALEN HOSPITAL
GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
SOUTHWEST INC
LAKE DALLAS ISD
LEWISVILLE ISD
NORTHWEST ISD
PACCAR INC
POSTAL DATA CENTER
TEXAS WOMANS UNIVERSITY
THE KROGER CO
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS INC
XEROX CORPORATION

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		9th to 12th grade, no diploma	17,427
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	53,331	High school graduate	52,816
High school (grades 9-12)	22,368	Some college, no degree	69,266
College or graduate school	37,656	Associate degree	17,758
		Bachelor's degree	70,677
		Graduate or professional degree	26,508
Total	130,034		265,220

<http://www.txcip.org/tac/census/index.php>

County Website
<http://www.co.denton.tx.us>

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FISCAL INFORMATION

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The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$527,791,542 for Denton County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$124,205,263 on public assistance and \$32,421,201 on highway construction and maintenance in Denton County. During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$2,483,228,613. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed - 5 percent (from \$2,618,210,743). The county had 87 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$2,613 million. This represents 1.07 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 264,072 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 259,369. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 11,736 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 5,794. The Denton County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.4 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 2.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.

In the first quarter of 2001, Denton County had 121,229 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$586.

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	426	0%
Construction	9,140	8%
Manufacturing	13,072	11%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	28,149	23%
Information	3,558	3%
Financial Activities	4,812	4%

Professional & Business Services	10,313	9%
Education & Health Services	10,403	9%
Leisure & Hospitality	12,166	11%
Other Services	3,360	3%
Nonclassifiable	97	0%
Federal Government	1,306	1%
State Government	9,206	8%
Local Government	15,221	13%



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Texas Economic Development

Ellis County

Ellis County is located in north central Texas. The county is bounded by Dallas County to the north, Kaufman to the east, Navarro and Hill counties to the south, and Johnson county to the west. Waxahachie, the largest town and county seat, is on Interstate Highway 35 thirty miles south of Dallas. Cultural events include the Scarbrough Faire, the National Polka Festival at Ennis, and the Gingerbread Trail homes tour. Ellis County, FIPSCODE 48141, is the 31st largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 111,360 in 2000.

The county consists of 952 square miles with a 2000 population density of 118.5 residents per square mile. The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Ellis County averages 36.8 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year.

FARMING

The average growing season in Ellis County is 246 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 21. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

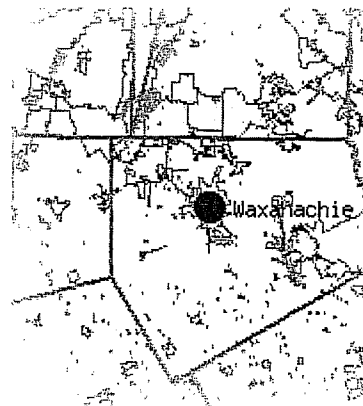
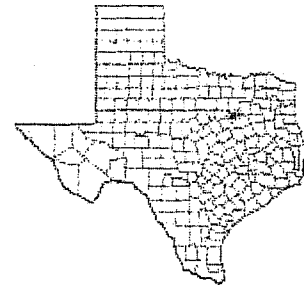
Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,612	1,713
Acres of Farmland	392,585	425,717
Average Size of Farm (acres)	244	249

POPULATION

According to the Census, Ellis County's population changed 31 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 85,167 in 1990 and 111,360 in 2000, an increase of 26,193. In 2000, the median age was 33.2 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 1,770 births and 859 deaths in Ellis County in 2000.

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown*	Ellis County	Texas
Under 18	30.2%	28.2%
18-24	9.3%	10.5%
25-44	29.8%	31.1%
45-64	21.5%	20.2%



Distances from the county seat Waxahachie (Miles)

Austin	155
Amarillo	345
Brownsville	450
Dallas	27
El Paso	563
Houston	202

Cities

- Alma, City of
- Bardwell, City of
- Ennis, City of
- Ferris, City of
- Garrett, City of
- Italy, City of
- Maypearl, City of
- Midlothian, City of
- Milford, City of
- Oak Leaf, City of
- Palmer, City of
- Pecan Hill, City of
- Rankin, City of
- Red Oak, City of
- Waxahachie, City of

65+ 9.2% 9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:

Group *	Ellis County	Ellis County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	89,789	81%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	9,626	9%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	20,508	18%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	392	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	662	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	18	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 37,020 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.96 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 76.2 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 30.3 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 52,380 while the number that worked at home was 1,156. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (42,308), carpooled (7,436), public transportation (404), walked (491), and other means (585). *

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 32,112 people in Ellis County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 77.8 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 17.1 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	2,011
Kindergarten	1,773
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	15,961
High school (grades 9-12)	7,568

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	5,687
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	9,294
High school graduate	20,753
Some college, no degree	16,616

Chambers

-Ennis Black Chamber of Commerce
-Ennis Chamber of Commerce
-Italy Chamber of Commerce
-Midlothian Chamber of Commerce
-Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce
-Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce

Top 20 Employers

ASSOCIATED MATERIALS INC
BAYLOR MEDICAL CENTER AT ELLIS
COUNTY
CHAPARRAL STEEL MIDLOTHIAN
DART CONTAINER CORPORATION
DON Joses RESTAURANT
ELK CORPORATION OF TEXAS
ENNIS AUTOMOTIVE INC
ENNIS ISD
FERRIS ISD
H E BUTT GROCERY CO
INTERNATIONAL EXTRUSION
CORPORATION
LEGGETT & PLATT INC
MIDLOTHIAN ISD
OWENS CORNING
RED OAK ISD
SOUTHWESTERN ASSEMBLIES OF GO
UNIVERSITY
TEXAS INDUSTRIES INC
TYLER REFRIGERATION CORP
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WAXAHACHIE ISD

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College or graduate school	4,799	Associate degree	3,574
		Bachelor's degree	8,397
		Graduate or professional degree	3,149
Total	32,112		67,470

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Ellis County was 14,531 or 12.25 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 7,664 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 4,617 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$174,441,498 for Ellis County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$46,646,660 on public assistance and \$22,766,944 on highway construction and maintenance in Ellis County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$790,701,519. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -1 percent (from \$796,422,174). * The county had 28 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$816 million. This represents 0.34 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 58,502 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 57,724. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 3,106 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 2,056. The Ellis County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 5.3 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.6 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Ellis County had 32,848 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$529. *

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	217	1%
Construction	2,247	7%
Manufacturing	10,479	31%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,386	17%
Information	486	1%
Financial Activities	1,042	3%
Professional & Business Services	1,399	5%
Education & Health Services	2,726	8%

Leisure & Hospitality	2,612	9%
Other Services	745	2%
Nonclassifiable	20	0%
Federal Government	222	1%
State Government	137	0%
Local Government	5,130	15%



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Texas Economic Development

Erath County

Erath County was delineated in 1856 from Bosque and Coryell counties and named after George B. Erath, one of the original surveyors of the area. The center of the county is near Stephenville, eighty miles southwest of Dallas. Stephenville is the county seat. * Erath County, FIPSCODE 48143, is the 81st largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 33,001 in 2000. *

The county consists of 1090 square miles with a 2000 population density of 30.4 residents per square mile. * The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Erath County averages 32.9 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Erath County is 238 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 18. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

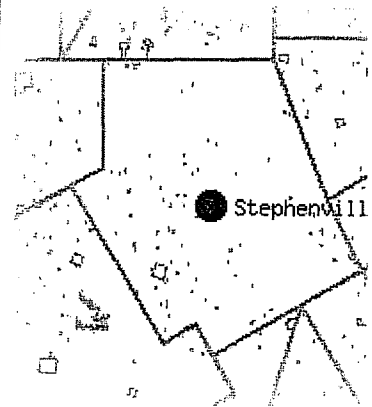
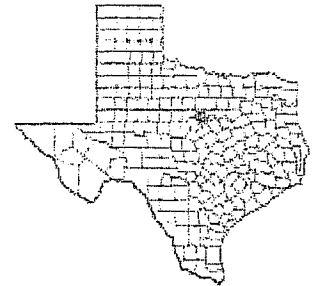
Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,599	1,787
Acres of Farmland	562,030	613,323
Average Size of Farm (acres)	351	343

POPULATION

According to the Census, Erath County's population changed 18 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 27,991 in 1990 and 33,001 in 2000, an increase of 5,010. In 2000, the median age was 31.4 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 434 births and 320 deaths in Erath County in 2000. *

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown*	Erath County	Texas
Under 18	24.6%	28.2%
18-24	17.0%	10.5%
25-44	25.9%	31.1%
45-64	19.1%	20.2%
65+	13.4%	9.9%



Distances from the county seat Stephenville (Miles)

Austin	135
Amarillo	292
Brownsville	438
Dallas	93
El Paso	483
Houston	238

Cities

- Dublin, City of
- Stephenville, City of

Chambers

- Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Stephenville Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Erath County	Erath County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	29,610	90%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	269	1%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	4,959	15%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	120	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	218	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	10	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 12,568 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.48 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 63.2 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 20.1 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 14,763 while the number that worked at home was 637. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (11,649), carpooled (1,832), public transportation (10), walked (445), and other means (190).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 11,111 people in Erath County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 77.1 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 25.0 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	526
Kindergarten	469
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	3,812
High school (grades 9-12)	1,717
College or graduate school	4,587
	11,111

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	1,829
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,595
High school graduate	5,149
Some college, no degree	4,331
Associate degree	617
Bachelor's degree	3,124
Graduate or professional degree	1,705
	19,350

Top 10 Employers

APPLETON ELECTRIC
DUBLIN ISD
FMC TECHNOLOGIES INC
GENUINE PARTS CO
HARRIS METHODIST HOSPITAL - ERA
COUNTY
NORTON CO
STEPHENVILLE ISD
STEPHENVILLE MEDICAL & SURGICAL
CLINIC
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

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